

The CALEA statute applies only to telecommunications common carriers, and it specifically does not apply to "information services," meaning Internet applications. Congress realized in 1994 that the Internet was fundamentally different from the telephone system, and Congress chose not to apply CALEA to the Internet and "information services" carried over it. E-mail, Instant Messaging, VoIP, and other forms of Internet communications are information services and thus are not supposed to be covered by CALEA. Although ISPs and Internet application providers must (and do) comply with interception orders under the wiretap laws, they have not had to design their networks and services to meet FBI specifications.

I want it to STAY that way! I don't want higher ISP costs rammed down my throat to pay for it - and I don't want our current power-hungry, freedom-crushing government to have any MORE power than they already do (which is TOO MUCH and ALL un-constitutional since 9/11!). (Signed) Steven Peter Yevchak, Sr.